

The Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) enhanced the online reporting process for suspensions, expulsions, and full-day unexcused absences during the 2015-2016 school year. While all suspensions and expulsions were moved to the State Report Manager (SRM), the full-day unexcused absences remained in our current online reporting system. In an effort to make the reporting process smoother and more efficient for school districts throughout the state, all full-day unexcused absences will now be reported in the Summer OASIS data collection in the SRM for the 2016-2017 school year.

The key change is that districts will no longer need to report the individual date of each full-day unexcused absence. Moving forward, districts will only report the total number of full-day unexcused absences for each period of student enrollment during the 2016-2017 school year. Eliminating this data collection and replacing it with a single, new data element in Summer OASIS will have a positive impact on data quality and the overall submission process.

Also, please note that the due date for reporting full-day unexcused absences will change. Because it will now be reported in Summer OASIS, the due date will be **July 15, 2017**. Like other SRM data collections, districts certify the data are accurate and complete upon submission.

DEED is making you aware of this now as this is a major change to your data reporting processes. Although districts will not upload files until the end of the 2016-2017 school year, please be sure to implement processes now to ensure accurate data collection and tracking throughout the school year. The Summer OASIS Handbook will be released in May 2017. Until then, DEED will keep you informed as the 2016-2017 school year progresses.

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